

The regular meeting of the Housing and Community Development Committee was held on Monday April 4, 2011 in the Council Chambers. Chairmen Kirby called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Present on Roll call: Alderman Kirby, Alderwoman Finlayson, Committee Members Rollason, Hahn, Carter and Bond.

Staff Present: Community Development Chief Wellman

- **Alderwoman Finlayson moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2011. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

Ms. Wellman spoke about HOME funding. She stated that \$250,000 from MDHCD was awarded to the City of Annapolis for its HOME funding.

Ms. Raftovich will produce a synopsis for the chair to present at the next council Meeting.

Mr. Vince Leggett, Executive Director of HACA, offered an update on the HACA project at OBery Court/College Creek Terrace.

Chairmen Kirby inquired about individuals moving back into this redeveloped property. The chairmen inquired about ways to assist families who are not eligible to return acquire eligibility.

Ms. Ivy Carter offered the following statistics on the individuals who were relocated:

- 96 relocated individuals
- 31 currently in OBery
- 4 were denied housing (3 due to criminal 1 due to being over income)
- 25 residents could not be accommodated due to bedroom size in the first phase, but will be accommodated in the second phase.
- 36 residents were Non-Responsive/Not Housed
 - 7 took section 8 housing instead
 - 2 were deceased
 - 8 evictions
 - 19 non-responsive to letters, phone calls and in-person visits

Ms. Carter stated that the remainder of OBery phase one units were filled by other public housing residents from Annapolis. Credit checks were waived; Penrose requested a certificate of good standing from HACA only. Penrose will do another attempt to recontact the individuals who were non-responsive as they go in to phase 2.

Ms. Carter stated that all current residents are current on their rent and there have been no evictions.

Alderman Kirby inquired about resident concerns about not being allowed to have grills on the property. Ms. Carter stated that they will not allow grills in the courtyards (due to fire hazards) but she will look in to allowing grills in the park area but it is in the critical area so may not be allowed.

Mr. Leggett suggested that they would organize a tour soon of the property for the Alderpersons.

Alderman Kirby inquired whether a demolition company has been selected.

Mr. Ford stated that there has not yet been a selected. For each phase they will hire at least ten public Housing residents. On the first they hired 14 and they will hire at least ten in the second phase.

There was general discussion of the historic significance of College Creek Terrace as well as concerns about surrounding road work.

Ms. Raftovich presented the memo on recusal from the office of law to address questions about potential conflicts of interest in the discussion and voting on the CDBG Grant funding.

The committee discussed general principals on the decision on how to fund the grantees. There was discussion of standard formulas vs. individual consideration.

At 8:35 Alderwoman Finlayson and Ms. Carter recused themselves.

Ms. Wellman discussed reporting and evaluation of the grantees.

Alderwoman Finlayson suggested adding a biannual report from the grantees to the committee.

Ms. Carter left at 8:49 p.m.

- **Ms. Hahn moved to fund the service projects at 15% of the total funding allocated based on the requested funds, 20% to administrative costs and the remainder to capital projects as stated on the proposal with the balance of any shortfall coming from the housing rehab. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.** (Alderman Kirby, Ms. Hahn, Ms. Rollason and Ms. Bond voting)

Ms. Wellman stated that she will work up the allocations when the final funding number comes in and distribute to the members of the board.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. p.m.

Hilary Roggio Raftovich
Standing Committee Clerk